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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(A))

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the office action dated September 24, 2003. The original time for response was set to expire December 24, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time was filed on January 23, 2004 along with the amendment responsive to the final Office Action dated September 24, 2003.

Please charge the additional two-month extension fee to our **Deposit Account No. 16-2230** (Reference #350013-76).

Also, should any additional fees be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any such fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2230 (Reference #350013-76).

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